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## **Highlights of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 4837 – Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005**

*On October 9, 2004, the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 4837, H. Rept. 108-773, was filed.*

### **Noteworthy**

- The Conference Report includes \$11.6 billion in emergency supplemental aid to provide relief from Hurricanes Charley, Francis, Ivan, and Jeanne. Included in this funding is \$6.5 billion for FEMA; \$1.1 billion for Department of Defense costs associated with evacuation and recovery; \$1.3 billion for emergency highway relief; and other relief.
- The Conference Report includes \$2.8 billion in emergency supplemental drought assistance, which is offset by a reduction in the Conservation Security Program.
- The Conference Report provides \$10.003 billion in new budget authority, which is \$450 million above the Administration's request, and \$687 million above the FY04 enacted level.
- The Conference Report provides \$5.5 billion for military construction for the active and reserve component accounts, which is \$636 million above the Administration's request, and \$203 million above the FY04 enacted level.
- The Conference Report provides \$4.1 billion for family housing construction, operations and maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund.
- On October 9, 2004, the House passed the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4837 by a vote of 374-0.

## Military Housing Privatization Cap

The Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005, included a provision that eliminates a statutory cap on the military housing privatization program.

### Disaster Supplemental (amount in millions)

	<u>President's Request</u>	<u>Conference</u>
Agriculture	\$855 million	\$608.5 million <sup>1</sup>
CJS	\$964.8 million	\$973.8 million
Defense	\$909.4 million	\$909.4 million
Energy and Water	\$362.4 million	\$377.4 million
Foreign Operations	\$100 million	\$100 million
Homeland Security	\$6.533 billion	\$6.533 billion
Interior	\$205.5 million	\$205.5 million
Labor, HHS	\$50 million	\$50 million
Military Construction	\$169.3 million	\$169.3 million
Transportation	\$1.302 billion	\$1.302 billion
VA, HUD	\$403.1 billion	\$403.1 million
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11.855 billion</b>	<b>\$11.617 billion<sup>2</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> This funding is in addition to the \$2.8 billion for drought assistance, which is not included in the total because it is offset through reductions in the Conservation Security Program.

<sup>2</sup> Due to rounding, this column adds to \$11.632 billion. However, the total appropriations are in fact \$11.617 billion.

## **Bill Provisions**

### **Military Construction**

The Conference Report provides \$5.5 billion for military construction for the active and reserve component accounts.

#### **Active Components:**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$4.52 billion for the Active Duty construction.

- Provides \$2.0 billion for **Army** construction.
- Provides \$1.1 billion for **Navy** construction.
- Provides \$866 million for **Air Force** construction.
- Provides \$686 million for **Defense-wide** construction.

#### **Reserve Components:**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$945 million for Reserve component military construction.

- Provides \$447 million for **Army National Guard** construction.
- Provides \$243 million for **Air National Guard** construction.
- Provides \$92.4 million for **Army Reserve** construction.
- Provides \$44.3 million for **Naval Reserve** construction.
- Provides \$124 million for the **Air Force Reserve** construction.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$814.2 million, which is \$194.3 million above the Administration's request, and \$83.8 million above the FY04 enacted level.

#### **Medical Construction Program:**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$193.8 million for 11 projects.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$187.1 million for 10 projects, an amount which is an increase of \$4.7 million over the Administration's (9-project) request.

#### **Contingency Construction:**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$10 million for the Secretary of Defense "Contingency Construction" account.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$10 million in accordance with the Administration's request.

## **Family Housing**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$4.1 billion for family housing construction, operations and maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund.

- Provides \$636 million for **Army** family housing construction. Provides \$928.9 million for **Army** family housing operation and maintenance.
- Provides \$139.1 million for **Navy** family housing construction. Provides \$704.5 million for **Navy** family housing operation and maintenance.
- Provides \$846.9 million for **Air Force** family housing construction. Provides \$856.1 million for **Air Force** family housing operation and maintenance.
- Provides \$49,000 for the **Defense-wide** family housing construction. Provides \$49.5 million for **Defense-wide** family housing operation and maintenance.
- Provides \$2.5 million for the Family Housing Improvement Fund.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$4.1 billion, which is \$7.7 million below the Administration's request, but \$343.7 million above the FY04 enacted level.

## **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$161 million for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Security Investment Program.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$165.8 million, which fully funds the Administration's request, and is \$4.5 million above the FY04 enacted level.

## **Chemical Weapons Demilitarization Construction**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$81.9 million for chemical weapons demilitarization construction.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$81.9 million, which fully funds the Administration's request, but is \$37.9 million below the FY04 enacted level.

## **Base Realignment and Closure Account**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$246.1 million for base realignment and closure account (BRAC) Part IV.

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$246.1 million for base realignment and closure account (BRAC) Part IV, which fully funds the Administration's request, but is \$124.3 million below the FY04 enacted level.

## **Energy Conservation Investment Program**

**Conference Report:** Provides \$50 million for the Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP).

**Senate-Passed Bill:** Provided \$60 million, which fully funds the Administration's request.